

wounds and their treatment. Operative technic. Amputations. Wound healing and pathologic interventions. Shock. Tetanus. Malignant tumors. Blood vessels. Transfusion. Bones, Fractures. Joints. Nerves. Scalp and skull. Brain. Face and mouth. Neck. Thyroid. Mamma. Chest. Empyema. Pericardium and heart. Abdominal surgery. Peritoneum, mesentery and omentum. Stomach and duodenum. Intestinal surgery. Intestines. Veriform appendix. Rectum and anus. Hernia. Liver. Gall-Bladder and bile-ducts. Pancreatitis. Spleen. Kidney. Bladder. Spine and cord. Upper extremity. Lower extremity.

The Soul, or Rational Psychology. By Emanuel Swedenborg. Third and revised edition. The New Church Press, Inc., New York.

This is another one of the works of Emanuel Swedenborg and designed for those who have a thirst for knowledge of the unknown. In modern religion, of course, Swedenborg was the first man to bring out the philosophy of correspondence and symbolism, and while many existing religions at the same time decried his interpretation of biblical meaning, they have since adopted a great many of the ideas of Swedenborg. From a medical standpoint, it is extremely interesting to see how much real knowledge Swedenborg had. He seemed to be cognizant of all the anatomical and physiological facts of his age, and he has made these the basis of his metaphysical deductions. For one who can follow him they are a source of great consolation and certainly very few of the developments of the Christian religion can claim such a logical basis. However, one is reminded of the old Scotch preacher who said, "If a man speaks of something about which he knows very little, that is foolishness. If a man talks of something about which you know nothing, that is wisdom. If a man talks of something about which neither of you know anything, that is metaphysics." So, I am rather inclined to think that a great many of the writings of Swedenborg fall under the last classification.

S. P.

The Surgical Clinics of Chicago. Volume IV, Number V (June, 1920). Octavo of 223 pages, 45 illustrations. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company, 1920. Published bi-monthly. Price per year: Paper, \$12.00; Cloth, \$16.00 net.

E. Wylls and Edmund Andrews and C. L. Mix: "Dumping stomach" and other results of gastrojejunostomy. D. C. Strauss: Perinephritic abscess—tuberculosis of kidney—subcapsular nephrectomy. A. D. Bevan and L. C. Gatewood: Mesenteric fibroma. A. D. Bevan: Dislocation of patellae. G. L. McWhorter: Salpingitis with lateral lumbovertebral pain. R. J. Tivnen: Congenital cataract binocular complicated by large persistent thymus gland. Endothelioma of orbit. Extradural abscess. Kellogg Speed: Burns. Carl Beck: Suture of nerves and tendons of wrist. A. A. Strauss: Various methods of blood transfusion as most applicable in various ages. A. J. Ochsner: Rupture of gall-bladder into duodenum. D. N. Eisendrath: Infections of kidney. F. G. Dyas: Compound fracture of femur in child. Cholelithiasis with biliary fistula discharging at umbilicus. Tetanus following a contused and lacerated wound of leg. A. B. Kanavel: Hematuria. E. L. Moorhead: Chronic ulcer of leg treated by skin-grafting. Multiple tumors of thyroid. Chronic duodenal ulcer. G. E. Shambaugh: Bilateral destruction of labyrinth as sequel of chronic suppurative otitis media. Impairment of hearing due to fracture at base of skull. Cerebral nerve deafness. Aural vertigo due to degeneration of vestibular nerve without involvement of cochlea. E. L. Cornell: Caesarean section for placenta praevia. R. L. Moodie: Surgery and disease among the pre-Columbian Indians of North America.

Care and Feeding of Infants and Children. By Walter Reeve Ramsey. 2nd ed. Philadelphia: Lippincott, 1920.

This volume gave promise of fulfilling a long-felt need, that of a good medical text book for nurses, with the proper amount of emphasis laid on nursing procedures in the care and feeding of children. These phases are excellently dealt with in the first part of the book where many valuable suggestions are well brought out and emphasized, making it valuable aid in the training of good nurses.

The second half of the book, however, is neither a nurse's text book nor could it be of much help to the physician. Pathological entities are here described so vaguely that, were a nurse interested in diagnosing a medical case, she could find little in these pages to help her. For the same reason the work must fail as a physician's handbook, while at the same time the important problems of nursing as they occur in such diseases as scarlet fever, diphtheria, smallpox, eczema and bronchopneumonia are most inadequately dealt with.

It is the tendency of the modern nurse to assume unwarranted knowledge of those phases of medicine for which her training has but partially informed her and to overlook as uninteresting and perhaps as of only slight importance the exact nursing technique which is so essential a part of treatment.

The author has certainly taken advantage of the best way of teaching—that of using good illustrations. They are all very excellent, especially those illustrating formula making, and the methods of breast and bottle feeding.

M. M.

State Society

ANNUAL CONVENTION MEDICAL SOCIETY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CORONADO, CAL., MAY 10-11-12, 1921

The Southern Pacific Company will make reduced rates from points in California on Receipt Certificate Plan, namely, one and one-half fare subject to minimum attendance of 150 paying fare by rail on going trip of one dollar or more. The rates will apply to and from San Diego.

Sale dates on going trip will be May 7 to 11, inclusive, and returning May 11 to 14, inclusive.

Delegates should buy one-way tickets on going trip, and if all requirements as to minimum attendance have been complied with, the one-half fare will be granted returning. In notifying your members of these arrangements I suggest that you caution them to be sure and obtain receipt certificates when purchasing the going tickets.

It should be noted that the fares will apply to and from San Diego, i. e., members should buy their one-way tickets on the going trip to San Diego and obtain their return tickets at San Diego.

THE RECEIPT CERTIFICATES MUST BE LEFT AT THE REGISTRATION DESK OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY IN THE HOTEL.

STATE SOCIETY, 1921

Important Notice—to Contributing Members of the Indemnity Defense Fund

Notes are now becoming due.

Do not let your membership lapse.

Each member will be informed a week in advance of the due date of his note.

County Societies

ALAMEDA COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Alameda County Medical Association was held at the Public Health Center, January 17, and the following interesting program, which had been prepared by Dr. E. N. Ewer, was presented:

1. Report of an unusual case of Ectopic Gestation, by Dr. Daniel Crosby.